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SUBJECT: KATYN FOREST MEMORIAL

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1. LONDON PRESS OF SEPTEMBER 20 REPORTS THAT KATYN FOREST MEMORIAL UNVEILING ON SEPTEMBER 18 WAS ATTENDED BY 8,000 PEOPLE, TWICE AS LARGE A TURNOUT AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED. ACCORDING TO "TIMES," 42 EMBASSIES HAD BEEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES, BUT ONLY SEVEN (UNITED STATES, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLUMBIA, LIBERIA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND URUGUAY) DID SO.

2. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT RAISE ISSUE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR MASSACRE WITH DALE, BUT ASKED WHETHER HE WAS PRESENT AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF USG OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AMBASSADOR. DALE REPLIED HE REPRESENTED BOTH USG AND AMBASSADOR AND ADDED HE SAW NO CONTRADICTION IN THESE ROLES.

3. CRITICISM OF HMG "BOYCOTT" OF CEREMONY CONTINUES UNABATED, WITH CONSERVATIVE MP'S PROMISING THAT ISSUE WILL BE RAISED IN BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT. IN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALCULATED BREACH OF MINISTERIAL CONFIDENTIALITY, TORY

MP JULIAN AMERY, FCO MINISTER OF STATE UNDER SIR ALEC DOUGLAS HOME FROM 1972-74, CLAIMED THAT SOVIET EMBASSY HAD APPROACHED FCO IN 1972 TO SEEK FCO SUPPORT IN PREVENTING CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIAL. AMERY SAID THAT AFTER REVIEWING ALL AVAILABLE MATERIAL ON SUBJECT, HE HAD FOUND "IT WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSACRE," AND THAT FCO WOULD THEREFORE NOT INTERFERE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN WHOSE JURISDICTION MONUMENT WAS TO BE BUILT.

4. SOVIET DISSATISFACTION WAS EMPHASIZED WHEN SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR SEMENOV, IN CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH EMBOFF OVER WEEKEND, NOTED, "I SEE YOU ARE SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THAT SILLY CEREMONY," AND SARCASTICALLY INQUIRED IF USG WOULD ALSO BE REPRESENTED AT DEDICATION OF MONUMENT TO A FORMER SS LEADER WHICH SEMENOV SAID HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN WEST GERMANY.

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